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From: Sent: Kathy Toms <via@krsa.com> Monday, April 12, 2021 9:15 AM

To:

Sen. Joshua Revak

Subject:

**Board of Fisheries** 

April 12, 2021

Dear Senator Revak,

Please give serious consideration to the governors nominees. I came to Alaska 35 years ago because of my love for sport fishing. I have seen the decimation of the sport fisheries and believe that we need more representation on the BOF.

I'm writing in support of Governor Dunleavy's nominees to the Board of Fisheries: Marit Carlson-Van Dort, John Wood, John Jensen, McKenzie Mitchell, and Abe Williams. As a person who loves to fish in Alaska, it's important to me that the people responsible for managing and allocating fish represent all Alaskans fairly. The Governor's nominees come from diverse backgrounds and have expertise in fisheries across the state. I believe these nominees will serve Alaskans well.

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Kathy Toms PO Box 664, 32939 Shorebird Ln Anchor Point 99556

From: Guy Johnston <via@krsa.com>
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 9:38 AM

**To:** Sen. Joshua Revak **Subject:** Board of Fisheries

April 12, 2021

Dear Senator Revak,

I have lived and worked in various parts of the state my whole life, fished almost every river and many lakes and have had an offshore boat in Prince William Sound for 45 years....ive seen lots of changes in fisheries since the 1960s...unrestricted Commercial fisheries have always led to declines of salmon runs and bottom fishing....and it always results in more restrictions, reduced or curtailed bag limits for sports fishermen and regular Alaskans trying to put fish in the freezer for sustenance for their families for the long winters......

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From: Sent: Jeanine St. John <via@krsa.com> Monday, April 12, 2021 9:49 AM

To:

Sen. Joshua Revak

Subject:

2021 Board of Fish Nominees

April 12, 2021

Dear Senator Revak,

41 year resident of Alaska, own a lodge near Lake Creek/Bulchitna -- sport fishing is very important to my family. Additionally, my work includes supporting the commercial fishing industry, so a good balance s the most important thing. ALL side should be working together for the common good of our sustainable fisheries.

I'm writing in support of Governor Dunleavy's nominees to the Board of Fisheries: Marit Carlson-Van Dort - I know her personally, John Wood - appreciate his work for Mat-Su, John Jensen, McKenzie Mitchell, and Abe Williams. As a person who loves to fish in Alaska, it's important to me that the people responsible for managing and allocating fish represent all Alaskans fairly. The Governor's nominees come from diverse backgrounds and have expertise in fisheries across the state. I believe these nominees will serve Alaskans well.

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From:

Robert Michael Kilbourn < via@krsa.com>

Sent:

Monday, April 12, 2021 1:51 PM

To: Subject: Sen. Joshua Revak **Board of Fisheries** 

April 12, 2021

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Statewide recreational fishing



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Email address: rmkilb 1@hotmail.com

Phone number: 9073884070

From:

Timothy Murphy <fvkaylee@gmail.com>

Sent:

Monday, April 12, 2021 4:12 PM

To:

Sen. Joshua Revak; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Click Bishop; Sen. Natasha Von Imhof; Sen.

Jesse Kiehl; Sen. Scott Kawasaki

Subject:

Upcoming Board of Fisheries Confirmation Hearing 4-16-21

The following link will take you to view UFA's letter of opposition of Marit Carlson Van-Dort being confirmed for another term as Chair of the State of Alaska Board of Fisheries.

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Members of the Alaska State Senate Resources Committee;

I write in rebuttal to Matt Alward-executive director of UFA's letter smearing Marit Carlson Van-Dort.

Mr. Alward as the head of UFA, is a Kodiak fisherman. I myself am now a Kodiak fisherman as we do not have a salmon fishery in Chignik for the forseeable future. 165,000 sockeye harvest forecasted for 2021, and it seems optimisitic based on what has been happening in recent years in Chignik.

His letter is nothing more than a smear tactic due to actions taken by the State Board of Fisheries in what would limit Kodiak's salmon seine fleet to fish at a known area where extremely large amounts of NOT ONLY Chignik bound sockeye in June, but also Cook Inlet bound sockeye post June are intercepted by Kodiak's salmon seine fleet. The actions were taken in January 2020 and it would appear everyone who can act like a victim is participating in smearing not only Marit Carlson Van-Dort but John Wood who was also a board member at that meeting.

This salmon allocation was an entitlement bestowed upon the Kodiak salmon fleet in 1977-78 by THAT board of fisheries and the Kodiak salmon seine fleet had benefitted for decades while taking food off of children's plates in Chignik. Tagging studies indicated 90% of sockeye harvested at Cape Igvak were Chignik stocks, and the harvest numbers year after year when commercial fishing is open at Cape Igvak have been staggering.

The fact is they are trying to reverse a board decision and the first step is to remove certain individuals and replace them with people who will vote the way they want.

As Stutes-Kodiak has introduced 3 times in the last 3 legislatures a version of what is now HB 26, the conflict of interest bill which will make it so that normally conflicted out board members may deliberate on issues right up until the roll call vote, with the first filing in 2018 attempting to seat Duncan Fields of Kodiak on the board of fisheries would have then created quite literally a "Kodiak board of fisheries".

The points given in the letter published by UFA indicate Carlson Van-Dort is the cause of many things, however keep in mind it takes a majority vote for proposals brought before the board to pass, generally speaking a 4 person majority passes proposals within the boards of fish and game.

I was not present at the 2020 Cook Inlet board of fisheries meeting mentioned in UFA's smear letter but the same accusation was made against the board of fisheries at the 2020 Kodiak meeting and is on the record, to create the perception of bias.

I have personally spoken to board members in the past, and basically felt like I had been given lip service by each and every one of them, in my opinion board members must remain objective and this is why they behave in this way, I too felt that the information I was sharing was being overlooked but these people are inundated over the course of each meeting with so much data that I can understand how they must conduct themselves.

Alward also makes accusations to the effect that Carlson Van-Dort is somehow flat out biased to vote in favor of proposals that benefit only Chignik and that she does so because she is the President of Far West Inc, the Chignik Bay ANSCA Corporation. I believe she held this position prior to being appointed to the Board of Fisheries but there was no concern until NOW. It is my understanding Carlson Van-Dort has stepped down from the position of President of Far West Inc.

Alward makes an accusation of family ties holding influence over Carlson Van-Dort.

On multiple occasions, the Alaska Department of Law reviewed Marit Carlson-Van Dort's ethics disclosures and determined that she was fully compliant with the Executive Branch Ethics Act and did not have an impermissible conflict of interest with any of the regulatory proposals that she participated in reviewing and adopting during her time on the Board.

All of these attacks against Carlson Van-Dort are being directed from individuals who represent Kodiak and are angry the BOARD, not only Carlson Van-Dort voted to reduce a salmon allocation that the salmon fishers in Chignik simply cannot afford to be denied access to any longer. Chigniks salmon fishery in 2018, and 2020 have been declared DISASTERS meanwhile salmon fisheries on either side of Chignik both STILL intercept any Chignik bound salmon passing thru their waters. Salmon fisheries in both Kodiak, and the South Alaska Peninsual (Area M) are both robust and continue to provide excellent commercial fishing opportunity.

Marit Carlson Van-Dort did in fact grow up in a commercial fishing family, is a college educated member of the board, and makes sound unbiased decisions. If anyone had a problem with someone with family ties to Chignik being appointed to the Alaska Board of Fisheries why did they wait until now to put on this petty smear campaign.

I ask the members of the Senate Resource Committee see past these petty attacks and confirm Marit Carlson-Van Dort as a member of the Alaska State Board of Fisheries.

**Timothy Murphy** 

From: Sent: Rebecca Branson <via@krsa.com> Monday, April 12, 2021 5:41 PM

To:

Sen. Joshua Revak

Subject:

2021 Board of Fish Nominees

April 13, 2021

Dear Senator Revak,

I live on the Kenai but have adult children in Sitka. I believe we need a responsible balanced board for Alaska's fisheries for the whole of Alaska and fish are important to all communities.

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Rebecca Branson 46105 Big Eddy Road Soldotna 99669

Email address: branson6@gci.net Phone number: 5095218502

From: Ken Hills <via@krsa.com>

**Sent:** Monday, April 12, 2021 5:52 PM

**To:** Sen. Joshua Revak

**Subject:** Support the Gov's Fish Nominees

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April 13, 2021

Dear Senator Revak,

I live in the Mat Su and have lived in Ak since the 70's fishing has gone the way of the Buffalo! Draggers in the Gulf have dessimated kings which in turn hurts all. To many Hatchery Pinks are also a big part of the problem.

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From:

Tom Wellman <via@krsa.com>

Sent: To: Monday, April 12, 2021 6:01 PM

Subject:

Sen. Joshua Revak Board of Fisheries

April 13, 2021

Dear Senator Revak,

As a lifelong Alaskan, I believe having balanced representation on the BOF is essential for the best decisions on our resources. Please do not bend to the comm fishing lobby to skew representation for all Alaskans.

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Tom Wellman 34598 Cranberry Cir C-5 Sterling 99672

Email address: tomwellman10@hotmail.com

Phone number: 907-947-1114

From: Sent: Josie Hickel <via@krsa.com> Monday, April 12, 2021 6:05 PM

To:

Sen. Joshua Revak

Subject:

2021 Board of Fish Nominees

April 13, 2021

Dear Senator Revak,

I am a life long Alaskan originally from Moose Pass. I grew up subsistence fishing and also recognized the importance of fishing to the Alaska economy at a young age working in Seward. A healthy and balanced approach to fisheries management is essential for the long term sustainability and benefit to Alaska fisheries for all users, from subsistence, sport and commercial fishing interests.

I'm writing in support of Governor Dunleavy's nominees to the Board of Fisheries: Marit Carlson-Van Dort, John Wood, John Jensen, McKenzie Mitchell, and Abe Williams. I know several of these individuals personally including Marit Carlson-Van Dort, Abe Williams and John Wood. I know these candidates to be people who will act according to the best interests of our state and make wise decisions about our fisheries.

As a person who loves Alaska, loves to fish, and understands the importance of our economy, it's important to me that the people responsible for managing and allocating fish represent all Alaskans fairly.

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Josie Hickel 12621 Von Scheben Dr. Anchorage 99516

From: Sent: Glenn Hughes <via@krsa.com> Tuesday, April 13, 2021 4:30 AM

To:

Sen. Joshua Revak

Subject:

Support the Gov's Fish Nominees

April 13, 2021

Dear Senator Revak,

My name is Glenn Hughes and I am the president of the American Sportfishing Association. I represent the manufacturers of recreational fishing tackle across our country and support the reasonable and sustainable access to fish, including salmon, by our recreational anglers who help pay the bill for conservation through fishing licenses and excise tax on fishing equipment. I've had the opportunity to fish Alaska's pristine waters on two different occasions and I look back on those trips as two of my favorites of all time. I look forward to my return!

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Glenn Hughes 1001 N. Fairfax Street Suite 501 Alexandria

From: Sent: Edwin Tripp <via@krsa.com> Tuesday, April 13, 2021 8:10 AM

To:

Sen. Joshua Revak

Subject:

Board of Fish - Support for nominees

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Edwin Tripp 11855 S. El Camino del Diablo Yuma 85367

From: Sent: William Keller <via@krsa.com> Tuesday, April 13, 2021 9:03 AM

To:

Subject:

Sen. Joshua Revak Board of Fisheries

April 13, 2021

Dear Senator Revak,

I have lived on the Banks of the Kenai River for over 20 years and have witnessed the erosion of Sport and Subsistence Fishing opportunity for all species of Salmon in the Kenai River. I believe it has been caused in large part by the Commercial Drift Fleet in Cook Inlet. The numbers of Salmon that make it into the river have declined as witnessed by the sonar counts over that timeframe. When was the last time that the catch limit had been increased in season for the Sport Fisherman? We only hear of Emergency Openings for the Commercial Fleet!

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From:

Jim Shine <via@krsa.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, April 13, 2021 9:53 AM

To:

Sen. Joshua Revak

Subject:

Support the Gov's Fish Nominees

April 13, 2021

Dear Senator Revak,

I am writing in support of Governor Dunleavy's nominee Marit Carlson-Van Dort to the Board of Fisheries. Ms. Carlson Van-Dort's background, education and professional experience adds considerable value to the Board of Fisheries. As a lifelong Alaskan and avid fisherman, I urge you to confirm Ms. Carlson Van-Dort's reappointment.

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**Subject:** 

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From: Sent: Larry Klawunder <via@krsa.com> Tuesday, April 13, 2021 7:47 PM

To:

Sen. Joshua Revak

Subject:

2021 Board of Fish Nominees

April 14, 2021

Dear Senator Revak,

I live on the Kenai River and fish it regularly through the summer. At 80 yrs, I appreciate having an ample fishery near by where I can fish on my own. I understand there are many, many issues involved here, but I have a simple wish and than is to be able to fish when there are fish.

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From:

Ron Perry <via@krsa.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, April 14, 2021 8:04 AM

To:

Sen. Joshua Revak

Subject:

Support the Gov's Fish Nominees

April 14, 2021

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Life long Alaskan, i fish mostly on the kenai peninsula. We need balance for our fisheries

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From: Carri Ann Mueller <via@krsa.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 8:49 AM

**To:** Sen. Joshua Revak **Subject:** Board of Fisheries

April 14, 2021

Dear Senator Revak,

Hello, my family has been fortunate enough to fish the Kenai River for over 45+ years and have some of the best memories growing up on the river banks and learning about fish habitat, lifecycles, watershed and environmental changes. It is extremely important to me, my family and our future for how the Department of Fish & Game, the Board of Fish and the numerous advisory boards and noon-profits are all trying to make a difference for our future of Alaska and our resources.

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From:

Lorali Simon <via@krsa.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, April 14, 2021 3:06 PM

To:

Sen. Joshua Revak

Subject:

2021 Board of Fish Nominees

April 14, 2021

Dear Senator Revak,

My family lives in Palmer and we are sport fishermen who enjoy fishing all over south central Alaska. We need a balanced Board of Fisheries.

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From: Sent: Reed Morrison-Plachta <via@krsa.com> Wednesday, April 14, 2021 4:13 PM

To:

Sen. Joshua Revak

Subject:

Support the Gov's Fish Nominees

April 15, 2021

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Let's make it fair people!

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From:

Anna Crary <annachapmancrary@gmail.com>

Sent:

Friday, April 16, 2021 12:48 PM

To:

Sen. Joshua Revak

Subject:

Support for the confirmation of Marit Carlson-Van Dort to the Board of Fisheries

#### Dear Senator Revak,

I write to express my strong support that the Legislature reappoint Marit Carlson-Van Dort to the Alaska Board of Fisheries. I am an attorney with the Anchorage law firm Landye Bennett Blumstein LLP, and I represent the Chignik Intertribal Coalition, an organization comprised of the five federally-recognized Tribes within the Chignik Region: Ivanof Bay, Perryville, Chignik, Chignik Lagoon, and Chignik Lake. I have worked with the CIC at a number of Board meetings, and can confirm from first-hand experience that Ms. Carlson-Van Dort is an excellent Board member and a crucial asset to the continued viability of all fisheries in Alaska.

Ms. Carlson-Van Dort is eminently qualified to be reappointed as a member of the Board of Fisheries. Since her initial appointment to the Board in 2019, Marit Carlson-Van Dort has repeatedly demonstrated her understanding of the heavy responsibility that comes with serving on the Board of Fish. Her ability to weigh all sides of the many complex issues that come before the Board and make well-reasoned yet difficult decisions is a valuable asset for the State of Alaska. Her background in resources management and commercial fishing combined with her academic training in conservation biology and fisheries science equips her with a wealth of knowledge and expertise and the ability to think critically and weigh important information that is essential to a successful and diligent Board.

Before voting, Ms. Carlson-Van Dort seeks to understand the impacts of proposals upon all stakeholders, including subsistence, sport, and commercial fishers – as a good Board Member should do. She understands and reviews the science behind all proposals and believes in sustained yield management principles, which is crucial to the health and well-being of Alaska's fishing industry.

I am aware of opposition to Ms. Carlson-Van Dort's reappointment from a minority of commercial stakeholders, primarily from Kodiak, who are upset with a decision made by the Board in January 2020 that changed the regulations for the Cape Igvak commercial sockeye fishery. Those changes, long overdue, were necessary to ensure that management of that fishery was consistent with sustained yield – a constitutional requirement for fisheries management.

The reasons advanced in opposition to her reappointment are untruthful and without merit. First, many of these "reasons" focus upon alleged conflicts of interest presented by her extended family's interests in commercial fisheries throughout Alaska. The Alaska Department of Law has, on multiple occasions, conducted a thorough evaluation of Ms. Carlson-Van Dort's disclosures, and has routinely concluded that she is in full compliance with the Executive Branch Ethics Act. If you doubt those conclusions, I suggest you contact the Dept. of Law directly.

Second, that a member of the Board of Fisheries has extended family members who are also commercial and subsistence fishery stakeholders is nothing new in Alaska. Indeed, many, if not all, other Board members and nominees are in the same boat, so to speak, with respect to family and professional connections to the fisheries they regulate. It would be unprecedented for the Legislature to consider such relationships as disqualifying an appointee. Indeed, it would likely doom the Legislature's ability to confirm qualified applicants in the future.

Finally, I also must draw attention to the fact that opposition to Ms. Carlson-Van Dort takes issue with her "demeanor" at the Kodiak meeting. Another nominee before the Senate Resources Committee - John Wood (whom I also urge you to confirm) - was on the Board during the Kodiak meeting and voted along with Ms.

Carlson-Van Dort to change the Cape Igvak regulations. I have yet to hear any comments or concerns about his "demeanor" during that same meeting - suggesting to me that this specific attack is arbitrary and sexist.

Ms. Carlson-Van Dort is an intelligent and experienced Alaska Native woman and leader. She seeks out and listens to all stakeholder opinions and perspectives – in particular, those held by Alaska's tribes and tribal organizations. Her service on the Board of Fisheries is an asset to Alaska. Please vote to confirm her renomination.

Sincerely,

Anna C. Crary

**Anna Chapman Crary** 

"Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world's grief. Do justly, now. Love mercy, now. Walk humbly, now. You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it." Attributed to Talmud.

From: John Nielsen <via@krsa.com>
Sent: Friday, April 16, 2021 1:49 PM

To: Sen. Joshua Revak

**Subject:** Support the Gov's Fish Nominees

April 16, 2021

Dear Senator Revak,

I have been an Alaskan resident for over 40 years. We homesteaded, have sons who have commercial fished and use Alaska resources as our primary source of food. We dip net, set net, and rod fish and hunt. Our identity is highly dependent on reaping the harvest God has blessed us with in Alaska.

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From: Sent: Diana Kuest <via@krsa.com> Friday, April 16, 2021 2:56 PM

To: Subject: Sen. Joshua Revak Board of Fisheries

April 16, 2021

Dear Senator Revak,

I'm a long term Alaskan with family and friends that go back to pre-pipeline days. I have enjoyed my fishing days in the interior and on the ocean area in the Kenai river system. Fishing for pleasure and fishing for subsistence as a mainstay of my life in the early days of life in Alaska for me and my family. I have done the dip-netting out of Copper River area, Gulkana River for runs of salmon fishing and the Kenai River fishing for salmon, this most pleasurable sport fed my family in the winter and if I fished today, I would enjoy the wonderful, healthy bounty of fish for my freezer to serve and tell stories to my grandchildren. I have enjoyed the clamming and cooking from the Kenai and would ask that the good members of the board look to preserving the salmon for those who fish from ashore, camp and cook and have family gatherings and outings to enjoy the fresh fish meals at camp and at home. I love my fresh air and wonderment of the panorama, fishing for health and well being along the wonderful tributaries our state of Alaska has provided.

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From:

Richard Mohaupt <via@krsa.com>

Sent: To: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 12:05 PM Sen. Joshua Revak

Subject:

Board of Fisheries

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April 07, 2021

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From:

Neil DeWitt <via@krsa.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, April 7, 2021 1:19 PM

To:

Sen. Joshua Revak

Subject:

2021 Board of Fish Nominees

April 07, 2021

Dear Senator Revak,

I live in Trapper Creek. I fished tge Big Sue River and it's tributaries until ADF&G let tge pike take over the lakes and streams of the Sue. Ive put in proposals to eradicate pike but they always say it will take out other sport fish. Well I can tell you this, every pike I catch has nothing but pike in its belly. Nothing else. Your not going to take care of the pike problems by sitting on your butts. You can net the creeks on in and out sides of a lake. In 3-5 years the pike will not exits anymore. It happened with lakes in Northern Wisconsin. The Indians did it. It can happen in Alaska too. We just need authorization to do it. Your biologists know without poison how but it will take work on getting it done!

I am a current member of both the Anchorage and Mat Valley AC's.

Thank you for your time.

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Neil DeWitt P.O.Box 672024 Chugiak

From:

Kevin Kerr <via@krsa.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, April 7, 2021 2:56 PM

To: Subject: Sen. Joshua Revak Board of Fisheries

April 07, 2021

Dear Senator Revak,

I have lived in Alaska for over 35 years and have been a fisherman and outdoor enthusiast my entire life. I currently live in Kenai. Balanced management of Alaska's fisheries is critical. It has been my opinion that management has been tilted toward commercial fishing for a long time, due in part to the fact that the fishing industry is politically and financially more active. That does not make the industry a more important user of the resource than the tens of thousands of Alaskan subsistence and sport fisherman.

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From:

Ben Birch <via@krsa.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, April 7, 2021 3:14 PM

To: Subject:

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Ben Birch 930 Lighthouse Court Anchorage 99515

From:

Jill Schaefer <via@krsa.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, April 7, 2021 5:07 PM

To: Subject: Sen. Joshua Revak Board of Fisheries

April 08, 2021

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Jill Schaefer 33363 Keystone Dr Soldotna 99669

From: JAMES LEE <via@krsa.com>

Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 6:03 PM

To:Sen. Joshua RevakSubject:Board of Fisheries

April 08, 2021

Dear Senator Revak,

I HAVE PERSONALLY FISHED WITH MY OWN BOAT FOR 20 YEARS ON THE LOWER KENAI BELOW THE BRIDGE AND BELOW SKILAK LAKE, I HAVE ALSO FISHED ANOTHER 20 YEARS WITH KENAI RIVER GUIDES ON THE SAME STRETCHS OF RIVER. I AM TIRED OF WATCHING THE SET NETTERS (WHO SHOULD ALL BE ELIMINATED) AND PURSE SEINERS LITTERLY WIPE OUT THE AMOUNT OF KINGS ENTERING THE KENAI RIVER TO THE POINT NOW THAT THE SPORT FISHERMAN IS JUST PLAIN SCREWED, BLUED, AND TATTOOED. GET RID OF ALL THE SETNETS- BUY THEM OUT OF THEIR PERMITS. ALSO, ALL OUT OF STATE PURSE SEINERS SHOULD BE BOUGHT OUT TOO. THIS IS WHAT CALIFORNIA, OREGON, AND WASHINGTON ALL DID TO RE-ESTABLISH THEIR SALMON RUNS. SPORT FISHERMAN PAY YOUR BILLS FISH & GAME! NOW ITS TIME TO EARN YOUR MONEY FOR A CHANGE.

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JAMES LEE 4139 LANA COURT ANCHORAGE 99508

Email address: JML@ALASKA.NET Phone number: (907)529-5029

From:

Bruce Morgan <via@krsa.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, April 7, 2021 8:07 PM

To: Subject: Sen. Joshua Revak Board of Fisheries

April 08, 2021

Dear Senator Revak,

I'm the former Chairman of the Anchorage Alaska Fish and Game Advisory Committee and a 35 year resident. I support Governor Dunleavy's nominees to the Board of Fish It's critical to the future of out king salmon fishery to stay on the task of conservation.

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From:

David Thiede <via@krsa.com> Thursday, April 8, 2021 8:59 AM

Sent: To:

Sen. Joshua Revak

Subject:

Support the Gov's Fish Nominees

April 08, 2021

Dear Senator Revak,

I am a retired USAF CMSgt, living in Eagle River with my wife. We own a cabin near the Kenai River outside of Soldotna. We love to sport fish for salmon and invite family and friends to enjoy the experience with us. It is extremely important to us and to the local communities to maintain salmon stocks for all users, including the sport fisheries.

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Laura Morisky P. O. Box 83707 Fairbanks 99708

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## **Betty Tangeman**

From: Sent: Laura Morisky <via@krsa.com> Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:52 AM

To: Subject: Sen. Joshua Revak Board of Fisheries

April 08, 2021

Dear Senator Revak,

I live in Fairbanks. I enjoy all the opportunities that living in Alaska has offered me. I enjoy fishing to fill my freezer or just sport fishing. I am retired and am glad to be able to explore more fishing opportunities around the state.

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I do not agree with the talking points that United Fisherman of Alaska have brought up about Marit. It is a smear campaign and just outright untruths. I am proud to see that two women have stepped up to give their time to serve on this board. I know personally that it takes an enormous amount of time and sacrifice to serve on this board. Marit is also an Alaskan Native who appreciates and supports the Alaskan subsistence lifestyle. She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience that is needed on the board. I urge you to support and confirm Ms Carlson-Van Dort to the BOF.

I just see that Alaska Fish Radio is quoting Rep. Stutes as saying the House Fisheries Committee is not supporting Ms Carlson-Van Dort. I find this untimely as her hearing has not taken place yet, nor has all testimony been heard. This is very disturbing to me that the voices of all Alaskans need to be heard before a decision is made.

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From: Sent: Mack Padgett <via@krsa.com> Thursday, April 8, 2021 5:22 PM

To:

Sen. Joshua Revak

Subject:

2021 Board of Fish Nominees

April 09, 2021

Dear Senator Revak,

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From:

Scott Glover <via@krsa.com> Friday, April 9, 2021 9:28 AM

Sent: To:

Sen. Joshua Revak

**Subject:** 

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Scott Glover PO BOX 871571 WASILLA 99687

Email address: petecrk@yahoo.com

From:

Robert Estes <via@krsa.com> Thursday, April 29, 2021 12:51 PM

Sent: To:

Sen. Joshua Revak

Subject:

2021 Board of Fish Nominees

April 29, 2021

Dear Senator Revak,

I've lived in Alaska as an adult for 53 years and have sport fished each of those years. I have done some commercial fishing for salmon, halibut and herring. The board of fish should be well balanced and not consider politics but only science when making decisions. Our runs in south central Alaska have gone from world class to almost non-existant, this is something we should be ashamed and embarred about. We hire the best managers so we should let them do their jobs without influence from special interests

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From: Dan Suprak <via@krsa.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2021 1:45 PM

To: Sen. Joshua Revak

**Subject:** 2021 Board of Fish Nominees

April 29, 2021

Dear Senator Revak,

I live and operate a fish guide business out of Wasilla, Ak

I think that if we don't have a balanced management the commercial fisheries will take advantage of this fishery. I have in the past heard them say people don't need to fish; all they need to do is buy from us.

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Dan Suprak 950 North Balsam Circle

From:

Kristi Acuff <via@krsa.com>

Sent:

Thursday, April 29, 2021 1:55 PM

To:

Sen. Joshua Revak

Subject:

2021 Board of Fish Nominees

April 29, 2021

Dear Senator Revak,

Dear Alaska Legislators, I'm a life-long Alaskan who has enjoyed the many resources and natural beauty of our State since Statehood. We live in Anchorage and in Soldotna near the world-famous Kenai River. I've seen our fish runs change fairly dramatically over the years, the mature Kings are pretty rare any more, and the other runs have had concerning changes as well. We love to sport-fish and to eat the healthiest fresh-caught fish in the world. We are thankful for the bounty in our beautiful State. We are 100% behind responsible, balanced fisheries management.

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From: Sent: Richard Acuff < via@krsa.com> Thursday, April 29, 2021 2:02 PM

To:

Sen. Joshua Revak

Subject:

2021 Board of Fish Nominees

April 29, 2021

Dear Senator Revak,

I've been in Alaska 40 years and have sport fished on the Kenai, Russian, and many other rivers and in the ocean as well. I live in Anchorage and in Soldotna near the Kenai River. The proper management of Alaska's fisheries are so critical to me and to the whole state. We fish and eat and share our bounty with family and friends, it is so healthy for us and the fishing industry is critical to the State. Responsible balanced management of our salmon and other fish runs are critical.

I'm writing in support of Governor Dunleavy's nominees to the Board of Fisheries: Marit Carlson-Van Dort, John Wood, John Jensen, McKenzie Mitchell, and Abe Williams. As a person who loves to fish in Alaska, it's important to me that the people responsible for managing and allocating fish represent all Alaskans fairly. The Governor's nominees come from diverse backgrounds and have expertise in fisheries across the state. I believe these nominees will serve Alaskans well.

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Ms. Carlson-Van Dort brings a remarkable mind to the board. She has a deep understanding of rural and commercial fisheries. Her experience working for the State, for the private sector, and for ANCSA regional and village corporations give her a great perspective into various stakeholder groups. These experiences also help her understand the impacts her decisions as a Board member have on user groups. Ms. Carlson-Van Dort has been a great Board member and should be confirmed.

Marit Carlson-Van Dort, John Wood, and John Jensen have already established a track record of service on the Board of Fisheries. Each of them has shown a willingness to work with a large variety of stakeholders in an effort to seek fair and equitable changes to Alaska's fisheries. While the three don't always agree with one another, taken in total their service on the Board has shown their willingness to make decisions based on science, their encouragement of precision in fisheries management when possible, and their respect for historic and emerging user groups in the fisheries.

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Dan McCue <via@krsa.com> Thursday, April 29, 2021 2:02 PM

Sent: To:

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I'm an Anchorage resident who enjoys sport fishing in the Kenai, Seward and Homer. It is important for the Board of Fisheries to include representation that advocates for our right to fish.

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John Wood has been an excellent Board Member. His ability to grasp a situation, and analyze it from multiple perspectives is likely due to his background as a lawyer – it's a trait that serves Alaska well. Mr. Wood actively works with various stakeholders at the Board of Fish meetings, and is known for bringing together stakeholders from different perspectives and encouraging them to find a solution they can all agree with.

Mr. Jensen has served Alaska for many years with distinction, both on the State Board of Fisheries and the Federal North Pacific Council. His experience and knowledge of Alaska's various fishery sectors is an asset to our state, and he should continue to serve on the Board.

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From:

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Sent: To:

Sen. Joshua Revak

Subject:

2021 Board of Fish Nominees

April 29, 2021

Dear Senator Revak,

Honorable Legislators,

I've lived in Alaska since 1971 and have sport fished at Mat-Su Valley, Kenai Peninsula, Copper River Basin, Kodiak Island, and Southeast Alaska. I've participated in personal use fisheries at Chitina, Kenai River, and Susitna River. I've participated in a subsistence fishery in the Copper Basin. I have operated a sport fish guiding business in the Mat-Su Valley for over 35 years. The opportunity to fish and harvest fish is extremely important to me and many other Alaskans with diverse backgrounds and fishing experiences. That is why it is important to have a board of fisheries with a broad background that looks out for the resource and for fishing, for harvest opportunities , and for economic benefit for all Alaskans.

I support Governor Dunleavy's nominees to the Board of Fisheries: Marit Carlson-Van Dort, John Wood, John Jensen, McKenzie Mitchell, and Abe Williams. I have personal experience with the 3 members who have already served at the 2020 Upper Cook Inlet Board of Fisheries meeting, and would also like to support McKenzie Mitchell and Abe Williams as people well qualified to served on the boat. I believe all of these nominees will serve Alaskans well.

McKenzie Mitchell's position as a professional guide should be represented on the board, and her experience as an economist at the University of Alaska could be of assistance to the board as it is taxed to manage for Maximum benefit for all Alaskans.

Merit Carlson-Van Dort was very approachable and easy to discuss issues with at the most recent Board of Fisheries meeting I attended. She made herself very available for public interaction, and represented all users on a fair basis. She certainly has knowledge and experience with personal use / subsistence fisheries that are very important to many Alaskans in putting up their year's store of fish to eat.

It is my understanding that Abe Williams has long-term experience in the Bristol Bay commercial sockeye salmon fishery --- one of the most lucrative salmon fisheries in all of Alaska. Being a member of a local fish and gamey advisory committee --- I appreciate that Mr. Williams has also volunteered of his time to serve on the Naknek Kvichack Fish and Game Advisory Committee and is concerned for the economics of this area as well as all of Alaska.

I support each of the Governor's nominees and combined diversity of experiences in Alaska fisheries. I urge your support of each nominee as well.

Sincerely,

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From: George Lowery <via@krsa.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2021 12:10 PM

To:Sen. Joshua RevakSubject:Board of Fisheries

April 29, 2021

Dear Senator Revak,

I've lived in Alaska for over 40 years and presently reside close to the Kenai River. This is where I choose to live and fish. Responsible, balanced management of Alaska's fisheries is important to me.

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